

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING  
**OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson Steven Teich.

**ROLL CALL:** was taken by DDA Director Lizzie Frederick.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Steven Teich, Commissioner Ferweda, Commissioner Harrington, Vice Chair Omer, Commissioner Byrne

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Powell

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** May 20, 2026.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA BY BYRNE SECONDED BY HARRINGTON**

**AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** March 18, 2026

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY HARRINGTON. SECONDED BY BYRNE.**

**AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION:** Urging City Council to adopt a vacant commercial building registration and inspection ordinance.

The Commission discussed a resolution urging the Owosso City Council to adopt a Vacant Commercial Building Inspection and Registration Program, citing the Historic District Commission's limited enforcement framework and the International Property Maintenance Code as insufficient tools to address neglected vacant properties. The losses of the Exchange Street property, the historic hotel, and the Matthews Building were referenced as examples that such an ordinance may have prevented. Members noted the program could be applied to defined boundaries such as the DDA or Historic District, expressed particular interest in the latter, and voted to advance the resolution to City Council for consideration.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN MADE BY BYRNE. SECONDED BY FERWEDA.**

**AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Byrne commented that 103 N Washington had some bricks that were falling down on the Main St side of the property. Also that the Puff Puff tobacco building façade was in need of some attention or restoration. The Commission also pointed out that the Vibrissa awning was in tatters and needed fixing. Henne responded that the awning can be addressed through the code enforcement process using the International Property Maintenance Code.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 17, 2026

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY OMER, SECONDED BY HARRINGTON.**

**AYES ALL. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 P.M.**